

# HOUSE BILL No. 1200

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 15-11-1.5; IC 15-17-1-1.

**Synopsis:** Legislative purposes of agriculture laws. Declares the state policy on agriculture and farmers' rights. Prohibits the impairment of traditional or modern farming and livestock production practices.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 15-11-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]:

4 **Chapter 1.5. State Policy on Agriculture and Farmers' Rights**  
5 **Sec. 1. The general assembly declares that it is the policy of the**  
6 **state to conserve, protect, and encourage the development and**  
7 **improvement of agriculture, agricultural businesses, and**  
8 **agricultural land for the production of food, fuel, fiber, and other**  
9 **agricultural products.**

10 **Sec. 2. The Indiana Code shall be construed to protect the rights**  
11 **of farmers to choose among all generally accepted farming and**  
12 **livestock production practices, including the use of continuously**  
13 **changing technology.**

14 SECTION 2. IC 15-17-1-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2008, SECTION  
15 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
16 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) The following are the purposes of this article:



(1) To promote, encourage, and advance the prevention, detection, control, and eradication of diseases and pests affecting:

(A) the health of animals within Indiana; and

(B) trade in animals and animal products in and from Indiana.

(2) To protect the agricultural public and all other persons who might be damaged through the purchase, sale, or exchange of animals by means of fraud, deception, dishonesty, or discrimination arising out of the marketing of animals.

(3) To safeguard the public health and welfare of the citizens of Indiana against health hazards, annoyances, and nuisances that might arise from the collection, transportation, and cooking of garbage to be fed to swine.

(4) To control and regulate the transportation over the highways of Indiana and the disposal of:

(A) the carcasses of dead animals not slaughtered and intended for human foods; and

(B) the nonedible byproducts from the slaughtering of animals and poultry for human foods;

to the end that the spread of animal diseases in Indiana is controlled and that the public health and welfare of the citizens of Indiana is conserved and protected against dangers, annoyances, and nuisances that might arise from carcasses and byproducts of slaughtering and from the transportation and disposal of carcasses and the byproducts of slaughtering if these activities were not regulated by laws designed to effectuate these purposes and public policy.

(5) To control and regulate the sanitary and health conditions under which animals are brought upon, consigned to, sold, bartered, or exchanged through, or removed from, the premises of livestock auction markets or community sales, to the end that the spread of diseases and pests of animals in Indiana is controlled and that the public health and welfare of the citizens of Indiana is conserved and protected.

(6) To regulate the production, manufacture, processing, and distribution of products derived from animals to control health hazards that may threaten the public health and welfare of the citizens of Indiana or threaten trade in animals and animal products in and from Indiana.

**(b) Notwithstanding any other law, nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit or impair traditional or modern farming and livestock production practices.**

